

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: application of : Group Art Unit: 1725
VIVEK M. SAMPLE et al. : Entitled:
[This is a Divisional Application of : CONTINUOUS PRESSURE
USSN 10/127,160, filed 4/19/2002, : MOLten METAL SUPPLY
which is a CIP of 10/014,649, filed 12/11/2001 : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
and a CIP of 09/957,846, filed 9/21/2001, which : FORMING CONTINUOUS
claims benefit of 60/284,952, filed 4/19/2001] : METAL ARTICLES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks prior to examination. This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/127,160, filed April 19, 2002.

Amendments to the specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 7 and include both an attached sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.